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## SCREENING AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

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## INTRODUCTION



In the summer of 2012, the Sahel region of West Africa faced a food crisis that put 18 million people at risk of hunger and food shortages. In collaboration with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE supported several projects in the region that contributed towards preventing the food crisis from deteriorating into famine. With funds raised,

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE not only responded during the emergency phase, but is continuing to support projects to help communities recover from the loss of crops and the ongoing threat of hunger.

At the height of the crisis, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE travelled to Niger, one of the most affected countries, with a film crew from Salt + Light Television. The result is *A New Leaf*, a 30-minute documentary that chronicles how the Christian community mobilized to respond to this crisis and asks important questions on how and why crises of this kind are becoming more frequent and what we can do about it.

We encourage you to share this documentary in your parish, school and community to create greater awareness of hunger issues in the world today. Below, you'll find all the information you need to organize your own screening.

## HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR OWN SCREENING



Here are a few simple steps to help you organize your own screening of *A New Leaf*.

### 1. EQUIPMENT

You'll need the following equipment for your screening of the documentary:

- A copy of the DVD: You can get a copy of *A New Leaf* by ordering it online at [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org) or by contacting your regional DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE animator (contact information is available at [www.dev.org/contactus/address](http://www.dev.org/contactus/address)).

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- A DVD player or laptop.
- A television or an LCD projector with a screen.

### 2. TYPE OF EVENT

Before planning your event, you may want to decide on the type of event you would like to host. It could be a fundraiser for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE where people are asked to pay an entry fee or make a voluntary contribution at the door.\* It can also be a free awareness-raising activity. You may also want to organize other complementary activities, such as a pot-luck dinner or invite a specialist on food security who can discuss the topic after the film.

### 3. DATE, TIME AND PLACE

- Select a date and time for your event that you feel will be most suitable for those you would like to invite.

- Reserve a suitable space for showing the documentary. Suggestions include a parish hall, a classroom at a university or college, a library room, a community centre, etc.

### 4. PROMOTE YOUR EVENT!

Here a few ways to promote your event:

- Use the poster template, which can be found online at [www.devp.org/aneuleaf](http://www.devp.org/aneuleaf). All you need to do is print copies of the poster, fill in the time and place of the event, and hang them in public places in your neighbourhood.
- Write a small announcement and submit it for publication in the community calendars of your local media, in your parish news bulletin, on local community websites and other suitable newsletters.
- Create a Facebook event and invite friends.
- Send out invitations by email.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



After watching the documentary, you may want to invite participants to stay to discuss many of the issues

raised in the film. Here are some questions that can be shared with the group to help facilitate the discussion.

### QUESTIONS

- What did you think of the film?
- What stood out or touched you about this story?
- Why do you think it's important that DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE responds to emergency situations like this food crisis in the Sahel?
- What parts of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's response to this crisis were acts of charity? Which were acts of justice?

*\*Please send funds raised to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1T7. If cash donations are received, if possible please send the total amount as a cheque made out to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. Donations \$10 and over are eligible for a tax receipt. Please send the donor's full name and address and the amount donated.*

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- Nana's story: How would you feel to be so dependent on your spouse for food? What would you say to her?
- Why do you think it's important to work with Caritas Niger rather than sending our own Canadian staff to deliver emergency aid?
- The food crisis in the Sahel received little attention in the media, despite warnings from the United Nations of a growing number of people facing the threat of hunger. Why do you think that is?
- What were some of the elements that made this response successful?
- After watching the documentary, how would you define the link between emergency relief and development work?
- The documentary identifies food speculation on the local market as one of the underlying causes of the food crises. What are other causes that are contributing to hunger and how can these be addressed?
- How are climatic changes impacting the integral human development of the people of Niger?
- How as Canadians can we act to make a difference in addressing the injustice of hunger?

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AND THE CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger.

Together, the Foodgrains Bank members committed \$5 million towards large-scale food distribution programs organized by local Caritas members in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. The programs provided much-needed assistance during the worst time of the crisis, and has allowed DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE to put funds towards ongoing projects to help communities recover from the drought.

Did you know that when you give to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, you can ask that your donation be credited to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's account? The funds in this account are eligible for an up-to 4:1 match from the Canadian International Development Agency for food assistance and food security projects being implemented by DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and its local partners in the Global South through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

## THANK YOU!

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